

The first of December and we feel as if we had always been working with this year's students instead of for three short months. The course this year is pretty much the same as last year with one or two exceptions. The seniors are having one term in Sociology taught by Miss Jackson and one term in Psychology taught, as in the past two years, by Mr. Kendrick of the Toronto Normal College. With such a large senior class, it has been necessary to divide it for certain activities such as lacrosse, swimming and handicraft. It has also meant an extra day for practice teaching and the students are now teaching in Brown, Dufferin, Duke of York, Huron and Jesse Ketchum schools four afternoons a week. There has been an unusual demand for volunteer leaders and teachers throughout the city and practically all the thirty-one members of the senior class are doing outside work in addition to their teaching in the public schools.

With fine weather throughout October, we were able to have lacrosse and tennis four afternoons each week and missed only one on account of rain. Charlotte Kaulbach Fierro taught tennis for us this year and Ruby Thomas Kinsey again had charge of lacrosse. Miss Grace Landers, a graduate of the course in Occupational Therapy, is instructor in handicraft and at present is taking up puppetry with the students.

The Activities Association, organized last year in place of the former Athletic Association, is again functioning enthusiastically. Some of the clubs, such as the Riding and Literature groups are small; some are large - the Dance Club, the Music Club, but all are very keen on their own particular hobby. The Literature Club of only three members, is studying Bernard Shaw's plays; the Riding Club is making a study of the science of riding.

One of the new arrangements this year

YOUR M.E.S. IQ

Check correct statement and credit yourself with 10 points for every correct answer. 70 is passing. Turn to page 5 for correct answers.

1. The original Margaret Eaton School was granted its charter in 1905; in 1906; in 1908.
2. It has always been known as The Margaret Eaton School; it was formerly The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression; it was formerly The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Dramatic Art.
3. The first principal of the school was Margaret Eaton; Mary G. Hamilton; Emma Scott-Raff; Mrs. George Nasmith; Bertram Forsythe.
4. The school was re-organized in 1921; in 1925; in 1927;
5. 25.2% of the graduates since 1925 are married; 33.6%; 31.8%.
6. The school proper has always been located at 415 Yonge Street, Toronto; it was formerly on Dundonald Street; it was formerly on North Street, now Bay Street.
7. The majority of the graduates in the last 13 years have come from Ontario; from the west; from the east.
8. There are two terms in the school year with examinations at the end of each; 3 terms with examinations at the end of each; there is one long term and no examinations.
9. The month of September is spent each year in training--at Camp Tanamakoon; at the O.A.C. Camp; at a camp chosen by the staff.
10. Navy blue tunics, long black stockings, and white shoes are the school uniform; green rompers, long white stockings and white shoes are worn occasionally; navy blue tunics, black stockings, and black shoes, green rompers and white shoes and socks are the regular school uniforms.

is in the division of the Assemblies on Friday mornings. Heretofore every other Assembly has been in charge of the student committee and of Miss Somers representing the staff. This year the Activities Association is to have one Assembly a month either for a public meeting or for its group activities, while the other Assemblies will be arranged by Miss Somers and by the student committee. Already the Riding Club has provided a very interesting programme on riding with a lesson in riding form, demonstrated by means of the gym. box covered with a horse (?) blanket, bridle and reins where its head should be and an imitation tail sticking out behind. An informal talk by Mrs. Harry Sifton in which she answered all kinds of questions on good horsemanship, added very much to the programme.

We feel that a step in advance has been taken this year in the formation of an Alumnae Council to meet with the staff once or perhaps twice a year, and to act as a liaison body between the school and the Alumnae. It will bring to the school new ideas from the graduates and will interpret to the Alumnae various policies of the school. It is to be made up of seven members, five chosen by the staff and two by the executive of the Alumnae. The following have been chosen to act for two years:

Lucille Jacob '22
Dona Smellie '23
Mary Barker '25

Barbara Claxton '32
Anne Ross Thompson '34
Lucille Kirk '35

Phyllis Wray '36

The Physical Education Committee of the Alumnae Association are planning a Holiday Course this year well up to the high standard set in previous years. Two well-known instructors from Columbia University are to be here: Miss Marjorie Hillas who specializes in Recreation Activities such as basketball, group tennis and games founded on the elements of baseball, volleyball, and basketball; and Dr. Norma Schwendener who will teach children's rhythmical work and folk dancing. There will be some work in tap dancing, junior level, and Mr. Da Costa of the Da Costa Studios of Dancing will teach social dancing.

In this connection, may we remind you that there is room at St. George House during the Christmas holidays for outside guests. Bed and breakfast for graduates \$1.25, for non-graduates \$1.50.

You-who-are-active-in-physical-education! Have you read - - -

"The Confessions of a Once Strict Formalist" by Ethel Perrin in the November number of The Journal of Health and Physical Education?

"Abolishing Awards" by Grace E. Thwing in the October Service Bulletin?

The column entitled "At your service" by Alice Frymir in the November issue of the same magazine? It is full of helpful information about new books, pamphlets and articles to read. By the way, the Service Bulletin, published monthly from October to March inclusive by the National Section on Women's Athletics of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is well worth the dollar subscription fee. You may get it by writing to Miss Alice W. Frymir, Mng. Editor, 511 W. 113th Street, New York.

The Book Reviews in the last Bulletin of the Canadian Physical Education Association?

AND HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE C. P. E. A.?

How to Conduct Interesting Parties

By Florence A. Somers

One of the duties, or pleasures, which come to us in the day's work, is that of leading social gatherings or parties, or suggesting ideas for them. The parties may range from the small group of four or five persons who want an interesting new guessing game to the gathering of one hundred or more people who wish to be led through an hour of exciting games and dancing.

Men and women love to play together, although sometimes they will not admit it, and many people need to have the chance to laugh with others and romp a bit, as a release from their daily lives of isolated and often dull work.

Many of us have favorite games and songs which we use on such occasions. There are a number of new books which will add to one's repertoire of party games. Miss Nellie Lewis has recently published a new collection which I believe is the first of its kind in Canada. It is called "Games and Parties the Year Round", is published by The Ryerson Press, and sells for \$1.50. Here is one good game from it which was new to me. It is called "Pass the Orange", and in it one learns to pass with one's ankles instead of the usual way of passing with hands. Sitting side by side in a row, the first player stretches his feet out in front of him, places an orange on his ankles and then transfers it to the next player. Each player in turn has outstretched ankles ready to receive the orange. When the orange is dropped it must be replaced at that point. This game might be played by one line just for fun, or by two or more lines as a race.

Ethel Bowers, who wrote "Recreation for Girls and Women", is doing a great deal of party leading herself these days. She has published many of the activities she is using in three pamphlets, entitled "Parties, Plans and Programs", "Parties, for Special Days of the Year", and "Parties, Musical Mixers and Simple Square Dances". They can be secured for fifty cents each or the three for one dollar from the National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City. There is a variety of good material in these little books, - songs, group stunts, musical mixers, square dances and games; and programmes for parties on special days, as New Years, St. Valentine's Day, April Fool Day, etc.

Do you know the game of Human Checkers? Seven chairs are placed in a row, three men and three women occupying the chairs at either end, with the vacant chair in the middle. (These may all be women with some distinguishing dress or color for each group.) The object of the game is to change the position of the men and women. One person is moved at a time, and always in the same direction, never backward. Only ^{moves} two are allowed: moving into the vacant chair or skipping one person to the vacant chair. This is fun if played by two teams. A player from one team tries to make the successful moves. When she fails a player from the opposite side tries, and they continue alternating until someone wins. This is found in Bowers, "Parties, Plans and Programs".

For the leader who would like to learn square dancing, popular now in many cities as well as in country districts, there are a number of good references. Elizabeth Burchenal's book on American Folk Dancing is valuable. A few years ago a little book on square dancing was published, entitled "Good Morning", and the subtitle "After a Sleep of Twenty-five Years Old-fashioned Dancing is Being Revived" by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford. This is a very good book and is published by the Dearborn Publishing Company, Dearborn, Michigan. A pocket size booklet, "Quadrilles", Handy II, Kit T, published by the Cooperative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio, gives a number of the most popular simple square dances. In "The Corn Huskers book of Square Dances" by Wade and Jarman, published by Thomas Burt & Co., Toronto, will be found a number of the more difficult Canadian dances with the calls.

ALUMNAE NOTES

May we introduce to you the Officers of the Association for 1938-39:

President - Anne Ross Thompson	Vice-President - Elizabeth Jarvis
Corresponding Secretary - Theo Elmsley	Recording Secretary - Marjorie Leonard
Treasurer - Margaret Robinson	Social Secretary - Peggy Pringle Burnet
Refresher Course - Dona Smellie	News Letter - Dorothy Prat
Entertainment of Students - Ruby Thomas Kinsey	

Your Physical Education Committee has worked very hard this Autumn on plans for the Refresher Course of December 28, 29, 30. This is perhaps the largest single piece of work that the Association undertakes and is a means to further the aims in which we are all interested. Your Committee therefore hopes that all members will take an active interest in the Course, by attending if possible, by telling others who may care to attend, or by assisting the Committees who are engaged in the social and business arrangements of that busy week.

Weddings -

Marion Cunningham '25 - September - Mrs. James W. K. McKechnie, 2617 Exeter Avenue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, U. S. A.
 Jean Mark '29 - Mrs. George G. Lee, 757 Northern Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China
 Arla McKay '31 - September - Mrs. Douglas C. Thomas, Bracebridge, Ontario
 Judith Gummer '32 - October - Mrs. Mills Mars, Apt. 304, Pall Mall Apts. North Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Marjorie Campbell '33 - September - Mrs. Arthur Levitt, 158 A. Highbourne Road, Toronto, Ont.
 Anne Ross '34 - June - Mrs. Robert Thompson, 23 Lessard Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
 Louise Dewar '34 - September - Mrs. Robert M. Powell, 4 Lance Street, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec.
 Barbara Heseltine '34 - October - Mrs. Anthony G. Osburn, 3505 West 36th Street, Vancouver, B. C.
 Ruby Thomas '34 - September - Mrs. Peter Kinsey, Chatsworth Manor, 2932 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.
 Lillian Ross '35 - October - Mrs. Lawrence E. Haryett, 1 Playter Blvd. Toronto
 Louise Beatty '29 - December 1 - Mrs. Andrew A. Dodge, 149 Highbourne Ave. Toronto.

Engagement -

Irma Moyer '31 of Calcutta India, to Mr. Jack Manning, Devon, England.

Births -

Elizabeth Gilchrist '35, Mrs. R. L. Seaborn, a son, Richard Gilchrist
 Mabel Peart '30, Mrs. W. G. D. Wood, a son
 Frances Pearce '22, Mrs. Andrew Gunn, a son, Charles Andrew
 Margaret Henderson '31, Mrs. Walter L. Tarr, a son, Walter Henry III
 Gertrude Henderson '34, Mrs. E. Brereton, Jr., a daughter, 75 Cabrini Blvd. N.Y.C.

Kathleen Pepler '22 is at present in Toronto - 13 Poplar Plains Road, Toronto

Andreana Gunion '22 who was in Toronto for a short time in October is now in England.

Her address for the present is - Prestwood Park Hotel, Great Misserden, Bucks, Eng.

Netta Morrison '36 - Mrs. W.F. Kennedy, is now living at 45 Palace Street, London, Ont.

Dorothy & Prat

NEWS NOTES, SOCIAL AND OTHERWISE:

On Saturday, November 5th, the senior class entertained the staff, the juniors and their escorts at a tea dance held at St. George House. The big rooms and halls were well suited to such an affair, and every one seemed to have a grand time. Mrs. Marriott and Miss Wardley poured tea and Adrienne Adams and Winnifred MacLennan of the senior class received the guests.

Colonel and Mrs. Nasmith, are at the Park Plaza, Toronto, for the winter.

Miss Hamilton is spending most of her time this fall in Fergus with her mother and father.

Lilabel Sloat (Mrs. E. B. Steffan), well known to students who were here during the years 1929-'32, is teaching in Winnetka, Illinois. Her address is 216 Myrtle Street.

Friends of Grace Craig '28 will be very sorry to learn that she has been ill for the past two months. She is recovering, but slowly, and will not be able to return to her work for some time. Margaret Robinson '35 has gone to Falconbridge to substitute for Grace.

Norah Magnan Duly '23, called home early by the serious illness of her father, reached Canada two weeks ago and is now with her parents in Ingoldsby, Ontario. She was in Toronto on Saturday with her baby daughter for the Camp Oconto tea. Every one says, "Nonie Rae is a darling child"! and of course Norah was royally welcomed.

Winnifred Williams '25 (Mrs. Donald Westcott) is living in Mount Forest. She has been doing some writing lately and has had several stories published.

Correct Answers - Your M.E.S. IQ

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By the time this "News-of-the-School" has gone to the far corners of the earth to reach you all, it will be Christmas -- Christmas with its laughter and its music, its gifts and its good wishes; Christmas with its family re-unions or its thoughts of home; Christmas with its atmosphere of good-will and kindness; Christmas with its spirit of the Christ Child who came so long ago to bring "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness".

May we, speaking editorially, extend to each one of you our best wishes for a beautiful Christmas season. Speaking personally, may we send to you our warmest greetings. To those who have attended the school in our time and to others of former years we send all the good wishes that we should like to send to you individually.

To one and all we say (speaking editorially and personally!)

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Charlotte H. Layton S.S.



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